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1. Between 10 a. m. and 3 p. m. on 20 February 1952, there was firing by two machine guns at a sleeve target towed by a biplane. The machine guns were mounted between two poles just east of the taxiway, north of the road from Brand railroad station to Krausnick. Five other such machine guns were emplaced there. Other than the towing of sleeve targets there was no flying activity between 16 and 25 February although the weather was good. The number of jet bombers at the field was unchanged. Excavation work started in the fuel dump. Four pipes, each about 10 cm in diameter, were being laid under the road from the fuel dump to the spur track. 25X1

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2. on 25 February, the Luebbenau labor office had to make available 1,000 laborers for improvement work at Brand airfield. 25X1
3. Since December 1951, the field has been occupied by a unit equipped with jet aircraft. On 29 February, about 200 soldiers who were from 18 to 20 years old were rotated for instruction on five type-27 or type-30 aircraft on the southern expansion strip. Fifty officers left the messhall at noon. 25X1

4. Between 23 and 26 February, the field was off limits for construction workers and supply trucks of the Bauunion. It was rumored that a general had entered the field in his car without being stopped by a sentry. According to a more credible rumor, a large vehicle column arrived at the field in the night of 25 February. A high ranking officer with his staff allegedly inspected the installations at the field. The field was opened to the workers on the morning of 26 February. Between 11 a. m. and 4 p. m. on 27 and 29 February, there was no flying at the field although the weather was very good.
5. On 27 February, there was a meeting at the field, which, among others, was attended by Captain Mironenko (fnu) and Bernhardt (fnu), chief of the traffic construction department of the Berlin Bauunion. Mironenko criticised the prices of the Berlin Bauunion, the quality of the work performed

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and the time required for the completion of the project. For these reasons, only the following work was to be completed by the Berlin Bauunion:

- a. Five temporary quarters for M'
- b. The foundations of five temporary quarters for officers
- c. The fuel dump
- d. The northern taxiway with hardstands and some hardstands along the southern taxiway

All the other work must be turned over to the Cottbus Bauunion, but the reason for this measure must not be revealed to the construction workers.

[REDACTED] the costs for the runway and taxiway at Weizow airfield were raised from an estimated 4.5 million eastmarks to a total of 9 million eastmarks because additional buildings will be constructed there. Therefore, it is believed that the Berlin Bauunion will concentrate on Weizow airfield.

6. On 3 March, the field was occupied by 27 jet bombers. There was no flying.

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[REDACTED] Comments: The reported occupation by 27 jet bombers agrees with previous information. The statements in paragraph 5 are believed credible

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